

California Recreational Trails Plan
Program Goal - Progress as of August 12, 2008

GOAL FOR STATEWIDE TRAIL STEWARDSHIP

Promote adequate design, construction, relocation, and maintenance of trails in order to optimize public access and resource conservation.

Action	Progress to Date
1. Provide training and educational information about state-of-the-art trail design and construction techniques to the trail builders by supporting trail maintenance and management courses and workshops and enabling trail managers and volunteers to attend education opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue California State Parks (CSP) high quality national trail training program • Continue field workshops at California Trails & Greenways Conference (CT&GC) • Continue conducting Recreational Trails Program (RTP) trail planning and grant workshops with CSP Office of Grants & Local Services • International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) has produced several books on constructing and managing mountain bike trails
2. Extend and improve delivery of initial and ongoing trail training opportunities to trail stewards, such as volunteers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to maintain low cost registration fees for the CT&GC • Exploring scholarship opportunities for trail training programs • IMBA, Backcountry Horsemen, US Forest Service and Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association have trail building training advertised on their web sites • California Trails & Greenways Foundation is offering grants/scholarships for training
3. Support efforts to assure that all levels of government provide adequate budgets for maintaining their trails.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimal progress due to limited funding opportunities for trail maintenance • Increasing promotion of Adopt-a-Trail programs within CSP
4. Conduct and distribute periodic reviews of new trail-related products or trends. Encourage trail managers to work with manufacturers to help resolve identified problems in new trail related products.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No progress evident to date • CT&GC offers networking opportunities for trail managers and manufacturers to discuss trail related products.
5. Review and evaluate existing trail related educational programming designed to enhance trail usage and the public's understanding of each trail's related natural and cultural resources. Provide coordination for the collection and dissemination of trail related literature.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The American Trails website is a good current source of trail related literature on a national level • Interpretive trail programming sessions will continue at the CT&GC

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